



**National Latino AIDS Awareness Day**  
***ABRE LOS OJOS – OPEN YOUR EYES***  
**Oct. 15, 2005**

**In Virginia <sup>1</sup>**

- As of July 1, 2004, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are approximately 426,152 Latinos living in Virginia.
- Of the more than 16,000 Virginians living with HIV/AIDS, 799 (or 4.8 percent) are Latinos. The rate of HIV/AIDS infection among Latinos is four times higher than that of whites.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2004, female Latinos made up 4.7 percent of all female HIV/AIDS cases reported.
- In 2004, male Latinos made up 8.9 percent of all male HIV/AIDS cases reported.
- In 2004, 12 percent of all reported syphilis cases were in Latinos. Syphilis increases the risk of contracting HIV.

**In the United States <sup>3</sup>**

- As of Dec. 31, 2003, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there have been 172,993 Latinos diagnosed with AIDS in the United States.
- Although Latinos make up only about 14 percent of the U.S. (and Puerto Rico) population, they account for 18 percent of the diagnosed AIDS cases.
- In 2002, Latinos had the second highest AIDS diagnoses among all racial and ethnic groups. The highest rate was that for African-Americans.
- In 2001, HIV/AIDS ranked as the third leading cause of death among Latino men ages 35 to 44, and the fourth leading cause of death among Latino women in the same age group.

***AMA TU VIDA. PROTÉGETE. HAZTE LA PRUEBA DEL VIH.***  
***LOVE YOURSELF. PROTECT YOURSELF. GET TESTED FOR HIV.***

**Virginia Department of Health**  
**HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Hotline: (800) 533-4148**

<sup>1</sup> Statistical data provided by VDH's Division of HIV, STD, and Pharmacy Services.

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